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SUBJECT: SCANDINAVIAN WORKERS LIKELY TO BACK

NORWEGIAN SUNDE FOR SECOND TERM ON GOVERN-
ING BODY

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1. FINNISH TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION INTERNATIONAL
SECRETARY KARI TAPIOLA INDICATED TO EMBASSY LABOR
ATTACHE ON FEB 10 THAT SCANDINAVIAN WORKER REPRESENTATIVES
LIKELY TO BACK NORWAY'S OLAF SUNDE FOR SECOND TERM
IN TRADITIONAL "SCANDINAVIAN" SEAT AT ILO GOVERNING
BODY ELECTIONS NEXT JUNE. SUBJECT CAME UP IN WIDE-
RANGING CONVERSATION IN WHICH TAPIOLA SAID THAT
SUNDE WOULD PROBABLY BE RE-ELECTED, DESPITE SOME
DISSATISFACTION IN SCANDINAVIAN CIRCLES WITH HIS
LINGUISTIC ABILITY ("WE CAN'T EVEN UNDERSTAND HIS
NORWEGIAN").

2. TAPIOLA NOTED THAT SUNDE'S PREDECESSOR, BOLIN
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OF SWEDEN, HAD SERVED TWO TERMS AND THAT HIS PREDECESSOR,

A DANE, HAD SERVED THREE CONSECUTIVE TURNS. THE FINNS ARE CONCERNED THAT THE PRINCIPLE OF ROTATION AMONG SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES BE OBSERVED -- AND THAT THEY BE INCLUDED. THE FINNS FEEL THEY ARE ENTITLED TO THE NEXT TURN BUT DO NOT HAVE A SUITABLE CANDIDATE AVAILABLE. SINCE SAK SOCIAL SECRETARY MATTI SAVOLA IS NOT INTERESTED, TAPIOLA HIMSELF IS THE ONLY LOGICAL CHOICE. HE CONSIDERS HIMSELF TO LACK SUFFICIENT EXPERIENCE, HOWEVER, AND ADDED THAT HE MIGHT BE THOUGHT TOO YOUNG. (COMMENT: ALTHOUGH HE SHOWS NO DESIRE TO LEAVE THE SAK AT MOMENT IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER TAPIOLA'S COMMITMENT TO FINNISH TRADE UNION MOVEMENT IS A LONG-TERM ONE).

3. TAPIOLA DID MENTION THAT THERE WAS DANISH INTEREST IN SUCCEEDING SUNDE BUT IMPLIED THAT FINNS WOULD PREFER TO SEE SUNDE RE-ELECTED IN 1975 TO PRESERVE FINNISH OPTION FOR A POSSIBLE CANDIDACY IN 1978.

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